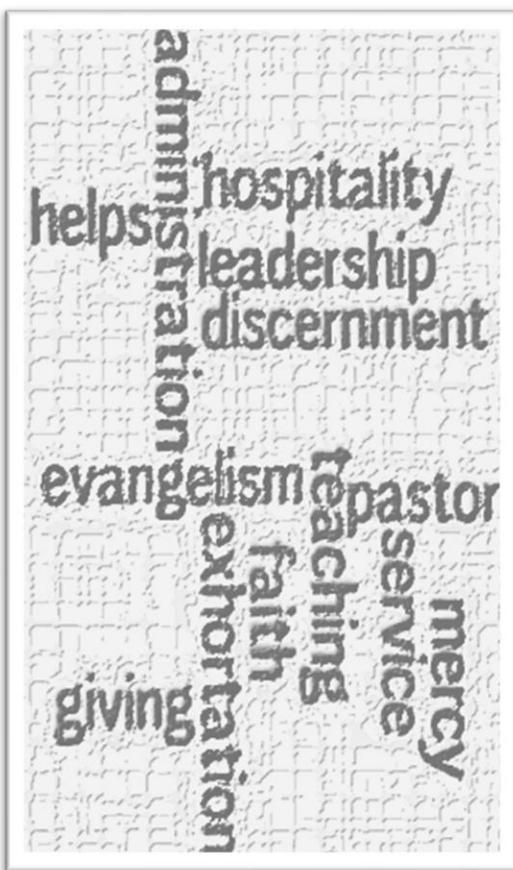


The Gifts that go on Giving:

The Gifts of Holy Spirit (Part 4)



"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace..." —1 Pet. 4:10 (NASB)

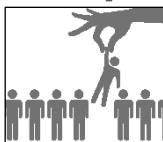
Valley Grace Brethren Church of Armagh, PA
Sunday, May 15th, AD 2022

The LORD'S Day

The Fifteenth Day of May, *in the Year of our Lord* 2022

Welcome to the worship services of Valley Grace Brethren Church!

Sunday School—9:30 AM.



As a sub-series within our larger series on Church History, we begin to examine the **Doctrine of Divine Election**, which became a major issue of contention in the 5th Century AD.

Morning Worship—10:30 AM.

Call to Worship: * *“Praise God From Whom all Blessings”* (#554).

Invocation.*

Hymn: *“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”* (#28).

Prayer for Tithes & Offerings.

Scripture Reading: Eph. 4:1-16.

Prayer, Praises, & Testimony.

Hymn: *“Rock of Ages”* (#332).

Announcements.

Hymn: *“Amazing Grace”* (#200).

Dismissal of Youth for Children’s Church.

Greeting One Another.

Message: *“MIRACULOUS SIGN GIFTS: ARE THEY FOR TODAY?”*

Closing Hymn: * *“Allelia”* (#516).

Benediction.*



*The Congregation will please arise, if able.



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Week of May 8-14

Sunday School—8; Morning Worship—I9
Midweek—5; Church Offering: \$488.00

Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study—6:30 PM.

Our studies in **Daniel 4** continue as Daniel, with great sorrow, begins to interpret the meaning of the **Dream of the Great Tree** unto Nebuchadnezzar.



Today's Verses for Reflection:

“Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, each of us is to exercise them accordingly: if prophecy, according to the proportion of his faith; if service, in his serving; or he who teaches, in his teaching; or he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.”—Rom. 12:6-8 (ESV)

Pastor Keith Merriman will be appearing at the Allegheny Conservative Grace Brethren District Conference on **Saturday**,



Pastor Keith

May 21, at **Camp Albryoca** near Meyersdale, and will be giving a Power-Point presentation on our **African Missions**. Please see Pastor Reese **TODAY** if you are interested in going down. Registration is **9:30 AM**, and the event will wrap-up around **3:00 PM**.



Our Vacation Bible School for this year will be during the week of Aug. 1-4 (3:30-5:00 PM). Once again, we are blessed to have with us Cathy Sloan and the faithful volunteers from the Indiana-Armstrong-Westmoreland chapter of the Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF).

Varieties of Gifts...

- a. Serving/Helping Others** (Rom. 12:7, 1 Cor. 12:28; also cf., Eph. 4:12). This is the ability to help or serve in the broadest sense. ALL are called to serve (Gal 5:13). Not a “high-profile” gift that most desire (i.e., serve someone else’s *slave*?). Yet, this is to live as JESUS lived (Matt. 20:28)...
- b. Teaching** (Rom. 12:7, 1 Cor. 12:28, Eph. 4:11). An out-front ministry that many *desire*, but one that bears an awesome *responsibility*—i.e., speaking on the record for GOD (James 3:1)! Yet, ALL, in some measure, are called to share in accurately bearing witness to the Truth in *word*, as well as in deed (Matt. 28:19-20, Heb. 5:12).
- c. Encouragement, Exhortation** (Rom. 12:8). Some have the special ability to encourage, comfort, and lovingly admonish the brethren. But ALL (1 Thess. 5:11) are called to be a Barnabas (Acts 4:36)!
- d. Giving** (Rom. 12:8). Some are especially gifted here, even sacrificially giving at great personal cost (2 Cor. 8:1-2). But ALL are called to all emulate the widow who gave all that she had (Mrk 12:41-44; 2Cor.9:7).
- e. Leadership, or Administration** (Rom. 12:8, 1 Cor. 12:28). The ability to rule or lead *in the church*. Church leadership isn’t like secular political or business leadership; we are not called to model the ruthless patterns of the world. Jesus is our model—one of humility (Mt. 20:25-28)
- f. Kindness, or Mercy** (Rom. 12:8). Something we all want for ourselves, but are stingy towards others! ALL are called to extend mercy unto the unworthy, the guilty, the needy—i.e., to those that others have given up on. Matt. 5:7: “*Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.*”
- g. Faith** (1 Cor. 12:9). Without faith it is impossible to be a Christian (Eph. 2:8, Rm. 3:28), or to please God (Hb. 11:6). Faith involves the ability to believe God for the supply of specific needs. Each has a measure of faith, but not all are specially gifted. Some exhibit a greater level of Faith than others, but ALL are called to develop & cultivate Faith.
- h. Evangelism** (Eph. 4:11). This is the ability to proclaim the Gospel message with exceptional clarity. Whether or not one has the gift of evangelism, or is called to a special itinerate ministry or to formal missions, ALL believers are called to be witnesses (Acts 1:8).
- i. Pastoring** (Eph. 4:11). Involves teaching & leadership, as well as spiritually providing, protecting, shepherding, and caring for the flock.